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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Senate laid on the table by a decisive vote, the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to alleged recognition of the Filipino republic by Admiral Dewey. —— The House continued debate on the currency bill. —— Two joint resolutions introduced in the House which are understood to be expressive of the Democratic members' position on the Philippine question. —— British report a skirmish with the Boers, repulsing the latter with a loss of forty killed and wounded. —— The Sixth division of British troops has been mobilized, and the government has provided for a seventh division. —— The total casualties at Magersfontein are placed at 832. —— The centennial of the death of George Washington was observed with fitting ceremonies at Mount Vernon. —— Democrats of Kentucky will make contest before the Legislature in behalf of Goebel and other Democratic nominees. —— Gen. Otis reports satisfactory progress of Lawton's campaign in northwestern Luzon. —— New York markets: Money on call quoted steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan at 4 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 7 11 16c; flour was neglected and barely steady; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 74½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 40½c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 29½c; rosin quiet, strained common to good $1.45; spirit turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees; 8 P. M., 58 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .38. Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 14 0 feet. Falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—For North Carolina—Rain Friday, followed by clearing; colder in western and central portions. Saturday fair; colder in extreme eastern portions, continued cold Sunday; variable winds becoming fresh to brisk westerly.

Port Almanac---Dec. 15.

Sun Rises	7.07 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.45 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H.38 M.
High Water at Southport.	6.23 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	9.53 A. M.

If the expansionists haven't islands enough yet, they might take in Denmark's West Indian islands, which they can get for about $3,000,000.

Some of the regular army officers in Cuba are jealous and say they will not serve under Gen. Wood as Military Governor. That sort of chaps should be given a furlough without date.

In the town of Kalamazoo, Mich., a lot of citizens are forming a league to show the authorities how to clean the streets. A little later on some of these same citizens will be showing the authorities how to dirty the streets.

The fellowship between the American and the Briton is growing. The English have become so stuck on American beer, that a brewery has been established in London to make it, with a capacity of 60,000 barrels a year.

Some Duluth people are going to show their admiration for Admiral Dewey by sending him a big black bear, and paying the freight. This is a bad start. If it keeps on some other admirer will have to start a subscription to build a menagerie for him.

A Leadville (Col.) paper, speaking of the gold standard bills in Congress, asks, "What will Wolcott do?" Why, Wolcott may make a few remarks, and then proceed to swallow the g. s. As a swallower Wolcott has developed and exhibited a remarkable capacity.

Old husbands seem to be in demand in Pennsylvania. A rural paper recently contained the advertisement of a 70-year-old denizen who wanted a wife. In a little while he had about a thousand answers from women who were willing to help him break the monotony.

A regiment of British cavalry is charged with having butchered 90 Boers who had surrendered at Elandslaagte. The Britons rode over them, speared and sabred them, and call it "pig sticking" and "great fun." About as much fun as "jack-rabbit" hunting in the Philippines.

According to some of the latest figuring the Boers have killed or captured 4,786 Britons since the racket began there, and it hasn't got a good start yet. The British are probably beginning to realize that there was something in President Kruger's declaration before the fighting began, that "England may take the Transvaal, but she will pay a price that will startle the civilized world."

LOCAL DOTS.

— The British steamship *Wandby*, 2,580 tons, Capt. Pearson, hence for Bremen, arrived December 7th.

— The steamer *Seabright* cleared for Little River, S. C., last evening after remaining in port since Monday.

— Mr. Carl Stern has become proprietor of the saloon No. 208 North Water street formerly owned by Mr. "Dick" Steljes.

— Cornelius Bloodworth, colored, was fined $5 in the police court yesterday for riding a bicycle on the sidewalks of the city.

— Hon. John D. Bellamy introduced a bill in the House, Wednesday, to allow the Atlantic Coast Line to build a bridge across Lumber river.

— Rev. Edward E. Lane, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, will be the special speaker at the Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon.

— A meeting of the board of County Commissioners will be held this afternoon for the purpose of receiving renewals of bonds of county officials and for the transaction of other business.

— No new cases of scarlet fever or of diphtheria were reported yesterday and the patients already in quarantine are reported as doing well. The school attendance yesterday was about the same as the day before.

— John Roan, an old colored man, fell in an epileptic fit on Second between Market and Dock streets yesterday afternoon. He was sent to his home by Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health.

— The spirits turpentine market opened firm yesterday morning at 47½@48 cents but closed steady at an advance of half a cent over these quotations—48@48½ cents. Receipts were only 36 casks.

— Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., will deliver his address on "Orators and Oratory" in the Chapel of the James Sprunt Institute, Kenansville, on the evening of December 18th, at 7:30 o'clock.

— The guaranteed regular every day circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington. This claim has never been challenged by any competing newspaper.

— The steamboats *Driver* and *Hawes* were in port yesterday and both cleared in the afternoon for their respective return trips—the *Driver* at 6 o'clock for Fayetteville and the *Hawes* at 1 o'clock for Mill Creek. The *Hurt* is expected in port to-day.

— Messrs. J. F. Garrell & Co. have recently purchased 600 cattle to fatten for the spring market. They are fattening 250 at Mr. Garrell's San Souci plantation near this city, and have sent 100 to Messrs. Westbrook & Murphy at Wallace. In the past few days they have shipped 250 to Goldsboro to be fattened by the Messrs. Borden at their cotton seed oil mill.

— It is very probable that a meeting of the Board of Alderman will be held soon—probably as early as to-night—to consider recommendations from the Board of Directors of the Merchants Association as to the paving of Market street from the river to Front street and for the purpose of allowing liquor dealers to get in their applications for license before January 18th.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. T. Burke—Interesting.

Opera House—San Francisco Minstrels.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

C. M. Whitlock—Christmas gift.

Negro Slashed by Another.

Justice Bornemann yesterday afternoon sent to jail for a hearing this morning at 10 o'clock, John Pearsall, colored. Pearsall, who is regarded as a bad negro, had a "scrap" with another negro named "Son" Fuller yesterday afternoon at the corner of Seventh and Castle streets, as a result of which the Fuller negro was badly gashed. Deputy Sheriff George Millis, armed with a warrant for Pearsall, set out for his capture, but before he could be overhauled Justice Bornemann "took in" the offender at the corner of Ninth and Queen streets.

Applying the Screws.

Here is the kind of letters that are received at the STAR office now, and it is doubtless a fair sample of those received by other newspapers:

"We must withdraw quotation of ours of Dec. 7th. News paper has again advanced, and we are not at all sure that we can get more paper soon at any price."

It is well to note that this great difficulty in getting paper was entirely unknown before the paper trust got the newspapers by the throat.

The Confederate Museum.

The museum of Confederate war relics maintained at the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry by the Daughters of the Confederacy, will be open at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the loan or gift of relics. The ladies will be glad to receive relics of all kinds, and will be pleased to show visitors the collection of interesting relics already in the museum.

Cocoanuts 5c, Fresh Grated Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CITY HOSPITAL.

Held December Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—Contracts Awarded for Supplies for the New Year.

The board of City Hospital managers met in regular monthly session for December yesterday afternoon in the office of the County Commissioners.

The principal business transacted at the meeting was the letting of the contracts for supplies for the hospital for the year beginning January 1st, 1900. They were let to the lowest bidders as follows:

For drugs—Jos. C. Shepard, Jr. Bond of $100 required for faithful performance of the contract.

For milk—L. Y. Stein. Bond of $100 required.

For coal—Jas. H. Taylor, agent. Bond of $100 required.

For wood—Henry R. Savage. Bond of $100 required.

For ice—Carolina Ice Company. No bond required.

For bread—E. Warren & Son. No bond required.

There was only one bid submitted for the furnishing of groceries—that of Sternberger Bros.—and the matter of awarding was left open until a date officially announced by the commissioners. The board also refused to award the contract for oil upon the ground that the conditions of the bids were not satisfactory.

The only other matter of interest that came up before the meeting was the reading and approval of the report for November of Dr. C. P. Bolles, superintendent of the hospital. It was published in full in the STAR several days ago.

Those present at the meeting were, Col Roger Moore, (chairman), Aldermen Springer and Spencer, Commissioner Gabriel Holmes and Dr. C. P. Bolles.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.

Will be the Attraction for Theatre-Goers Next Monday Evening.

The celebrated San Francisco Minstrel Company, said to be one of the oldest minstrel organizations in the country, will afford the next entertainment at the Wilmington Opera House next Monday evening, December 18th. Prices have been made by arrangement with the company at 75, 50 and 25 cents. Of the performance of the San Francisco people at Pittston, Pa., the *Post* of that city says:

"James H. Whitney's San Francisco Minstrels which appeared in the Opera House last night made a decided hit and each individual performer will be remembered for some of the most clever work ever seen upon our stage. The music was an especially fine feature and to individualize would be to say of one of these really fine vocalists what applies to all. Beuvias, the contortionist, was a show in himself. James Carroll and Cook and Hall, each in his line, would be hard to surpass, and the audience showed its appreciation of their clever work. George L. Platt, the phenomenal male alto, was great, not only as a male alto, but also as a female impersonator. Hugh McVey, the club juggler, probably surpassed anything in his line ever seen on our stage. Mons. Louif, the Japanese wire artist, and John Goss, comedian and novelty artist, pleased the audience immensely."

THE CROATAN INDIANS.

Fifty Thousand Dollars for Education and Support of Their Children.

Hon. John D. Bellamy introduced in the House of Representatives, last Wednesday, the following bill:

A Bill to Provide for the Education and Support of the Children of the Croatan or Hatteras Indians in the Southeastern Part of North Carolina:

SECTION 1. That for the education and support of the children of the Croatan or Hatteras Indians in the southeastern part of North Carolina, in the counties of Robeson, Scotland, Richmond and Columbus, and for the purchase of the necessary land and building sites, the erection of all necessary buildings, and the equipment and furnishing of the same, the sum of $50,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Washington's Death.

The one-hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington was observed by the pupils of the Cape Fear Academy yesterday by suitable exercises. Original papers were read by the following pupils, treating the various stages of his life:

E. H. Adkins, Jr., "Washington's Birth and Early Life;" H. C. Curtis, "Youth of Washington;" George Catlett, "Generalship of Washington;" G. G. Thomas, Jr., "Washington as a Statesman;" S. C. Potts, Jr., "Death of Washington."

The papers were exceedingly well prepared and read with much interest.

Christmas Ball.

A pleasant feature of Christmas week will be a ball given by the young ladies in honor of the members of L'Arioso and L'Agile German Clubs. It is understood that the dance will be on Christmas night in the handsome new ball room of the Masonic Temple. The young ladies at first proposed a "calico german," but have since abandoned the idea and determined on the conventional dress suit and evening dress.

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency offers for sale the timber on a tract of land on North East River. It includes over one million feet of fine Cypress timber. See advertisement. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. G. W. Pope, of Newbern, is at the Bonitz House.

— Mr. R. J. Jones, of Topsail, came up to town last evening.

— Mr. W. E. Patterson, of Newbern, is a guest of The Orton.

— Mr. Van Hardin is out again after an indisposition of ten days.

— Mr. E. G. Rogers, of Nichols, was here making business calls yesterday.

— Mr. Lee Formy-du-Val, of Whiteville, was on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. J. D. Caston, of Maysville, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. R. O. Crisp, of Elizabeth City, was among the visitors here yesterday.

— Mr. E. C. Herring, of Garland, came down last night to make business calls to-day.

— Mrs. Franklin McNeill is visiting at Fayetteville, the guest of Miss Annie Elliott.

— Mr. Albert White, of Rockingham, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Sheriff F. W. Hargett, of Jacksonville, was among last night's arrivals at The Orton.

— Messrs. J. E. Brown, Jr., and Frank Bryan, of Lanier, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. D. L. Herring, of Tomahawk, arrived in the city last night to call on our wholesale merchants.

— W. H. Pope, Esq., of Fayetteville, attorney for the Atlantic Coast Line, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. J. E. Reindollar, of Baltimore, is among the well known travelling men registered at The Orton.

— Mr. J. F. Meyer, representing the Schlitz Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., is a guest of The Orton.

— Mr. W. H. Willis left yesterday for Onslow county to attend his wife, who is sick. He expects to be back Monday.

— Miss Beulah Howerton, of Durham, is in the city on a visit and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lee H. Battle, on Third street.

— Mr. Wm. Moncure, of Raleigh, general superintendent of the Carolina Central, arrived in the city last night and is stopping at The Orton.

— Miss Mary W. Cameron and Miss Mary P. Shipp, of Raleigh, who have been visiting friends in the city, returned to their homes yesterday morning.

— Mr. Selden Jones, a popular young Wilmingtonian, will leave this morning for Atlanta to accept a position in the office of that branch of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

— Manager Harry Smallbones, of the Wilmington High School foot ball eleven, went up to Goldsboro last night to play with the team of that city in a game this afternoon with the Wilson team.

— Mr. Preston G. White, who left the city several weeks ago to receive a position with the Postal Telegraph Company at Augusta, Ga., has returned to the city and has taken his old position with the Western Union.

— Capt. D. G. Pickard, of Greensboro, who was formerly a popular conductor on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway, but now with the Southern, came down to the city yesterday evening. His numerous friends are glad to see him.

Dr. Zachary's Father Dead.

Dr. R. E. Zachary yesterday received a telegram conveying to him the sad intelligence of the death of his father, Mr. J. Zachary, of Brevard, N. C., which occurred Wednesday night at the advanced age of 84 years. The immediate cause of his death was nervous prostration and general disability resulting from old age. He had been ill for several months for the first time in his life, and Dr. Zachary only a few weeks ago returned from his bedside. Deceased leaves te sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon from the Brevard Methodist Church. Friends of Dr. Zachary in Wilmington will deeply sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

Football Prospects.

Manager Edwin A. Metts, of the Wilmington O. A. N. football team, said yesterday that there are yet uncertainties about the game with the Fayetteville team here on Christmas or New Year's day. He telegraphed Manager Lambeth, of the Fayetteville eleven, Wednesday afternoon, a guarantee for the game, but had received no reply yesterday. Manager Metts says that he is not favorably inclined to a game for Xmas for a combination of reasons, but is anxious to pit his team against them on New Year's day. If he cannot arrange a game with Fayetteville for that occasion he will probably try some other State team of reputation.

Watch us unload a car of Fruit in front of our store Friday. We are going to make somebody sick on prices. Palace Bakery. †

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency has excellent facilities for selling farms and timbered lands. It advertises all property and makes only a nominal charge unless a sale is made. For terms etc., address R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

Fadette's Woman's Orchestra Delightfully Entertained at the Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

The Fadettes, of Boston, an orchestra composed of about twenty female musicians, appeared at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night, the second event this season of the Y. M. C. A. Star course of entertainments. A large audience attended, composed chiefly of the musical and cultured, who by frequent and hearty applause attested their enjoyment.

The organization contains several members well known in the musical world, and as a woman's orchestra is quite unsurpassed.

The entire programme was executed in a truly artistic and enchanting manner, all of the instruments blending into a sweet and harmonious sound. As a conductor Mrs. Caroline B. Nichols displayed wonderful skill.

The "rag-time" tunes and melodies elicited the greatest applause, particularly the catchy concert, "Smokey Mokes." Miss Bertha Webb, solo violinist, and Miss Anna White, solo cornetist, deserve special mention. Their work was of a high order and masterfully expressed, especially Miss Webb's rendition of Musin's "Caprice de Concert."

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

Those Reported in Port or Having Sailed for Wilmington.

The following vessels are reported in port, or having sailed for Wilmington on the dates indicated:

Norwegian barque *Eliezer*, 560 tons, Andreassen, at Bristol November 21st, for Wilmington.

Norwegian barque *Glimt*, 617 tons, Birkeland, at Rotterdam November 16th, for Galveston or Wilmington and U. K. or Cont.

Swedish barque *Adele*, 596 tons, Holmgren; sailed Helsingborg December 4th for Wilmington and returned on the 9th to the former port, with loss of anchors and chains.

Norwegian barque *Louise*, 621 tons, Appelin; sailed Hull October 27th for Wilmington.

Swedish barque *Solid*, 507 tons, at West Hartlepoole, November 19th for Wilmington.

Schooner *B. I. Hazard*, 372 tons, Blatchford; in New York bay for Wilmington.

Schooner *Abbie G. Cole*, 232 tons, Cole from New York December 4th for Wilmington, returned to New York December 6th to repair rigging. She proceeded on the 9th.

NEW COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS.

Superintendent Mebane Writes Treasurer Green of Supreme Court Ruling.

In reply to a letter to State Superintendent of Public Instruction C. H. Mebane, County Treasurer H. McL Green has received the following concise interpretation of the recent decision of the Supreme Court touching the matter of the new school boards provided for by the Legislature:

He says, (1st) Superintendents elected by the new board in counties where the old boards retired, are illegal ones; (2nd), the township trustees and their official duties are not affected by the decision of the Supreme court; (3rd), District committees and their contracts with teachers are not touched by the decision of the court; (4th), certificates issued in accordance with general school law by the county superintendents, will hold good for one year from date of their issue.

Capt. Ed. Wilson Manning, the county superintendent of public instruction, has also received a printed slip of the same import. The decision referred to in the light of the above, will therefore not affect New Hanover's system of public schools in the least.

White Man Dropped Dead.

John H. Merckin, an aged white mechanic well, known about the city, dropped dead yesterday afternoon about 1.30 o'clock at his boarding place, on Fanning street, back of the City Hospital. He had been complaining of a pain near the heart, and just after dinner yesterday as he started to the street, he toppled and fell, dying almost instantly. Dr. A. H. Harriss was summoned, but could do nothing for him. Dr. Price, the coroner, afterwards viewed the body and gave a permit for its burial without an inquest, as death was evidently from heart trouble.

Government Vessels.

The United States oil steamer *Armeria*, as stated in yesterday's STAR, was in port yesterday on her annual tour distributing supplies to the various lighting stations along the coast and in the harbors and rivers. She remained here only a short time, having proceeded back down the river yesterday afternoon. The *Armeria* is of 632 tons burthen, is 203 feet long and 37½ feet wide. She is comparatively a new vessel, having been built in 1890. The buoy tender *Wisteria* is also in these waters looking after the government interest.

Mixed Nuts 10c per pound, Cocoanuts 5c. Fresh Ground Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

Let us bake your Cakes. Only steam oven in the city. Your Cakes will not have to stand over night. Can bake them at once. Palace Bakery. †

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

ABOUT TOM MILLER.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14th, 1899.

Editor Star—Referring to the local in your columns this morning, the writer wishes to say for himself, and thinks he can speak for quite a number of others, that if Tom Miller has a friend in Wilmington who wishes to serve him, he would do well to advise Miller, at once, that his presence here will be resented by those who banished him. He cannot with safety return to Wilmington *for any purpose, or for even the shortest time.* His business can be "closed up" by an attorney. Miller, as well as all others who were banished with him, must continue to remain elsewhere.

WHITE SUPREMACY.

SMALLPOX IN VIRGINIA.

Many Cases in Norfolk and Portsmouth. Compulsory Vaccination.

Special to Baltimore Sun.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 13.—The health authorities of Newport News have adopted a compulsory vaccination order, and the city has been districted in such a manner as to thoroughly cover the ground. It has been learned that there are in the neighborhood of 100 cases of smallpox in Norfolk and Portsmouth, and this action has been taken in order to protect this city against an invasion of the disease. The slight epidemic of last year cost the city in the neighborhood of $25,000, and the authorities believe that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

Grace Methodist Church.

Rev. A. P. Tyer, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, will preach a farewell sermon to his congregation Sunday morning and with his estimable family will probably leave the city early next week for Durham, where as already stated, he has been assigned by the annual conference as pastor of Main Street church, one of the most influential in Central North Carolina. Rev. Mr. Cole, the pastor of Grace, will probably arrive here in time for services at the church Sunday week.

Mormon Activity.

Several of the best citizens of different denomination, noting the activity of Mormon missionaries near the city, have requested Dr. C. S. Blackwell to go out next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and speak on "Mormonism—the Romance of Superstition" at Greenville Baptist Church. Dr. Blackswell's life in the West has brought him in close contact with Mormonism in its very home. He will speak on the subject in his own pulpit Sunday night.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

New Meat Market.

This is to inform the many friends of Mr. Johnnie Hintz that he has completed arrangements to go into the Meat Business under the firm name of J. H. Hintz & Co., on stalls Nos. and 3, north side of Market House, formerly occupied by C. S. Garrell & Co., where by polite attention and dispatch he hopes for a full share of the patronage of his old friends.

J. H. HINTZ.
Inter-State 'Phone 328, Bell 'Phone 128.
sep 24 tf

Everything to be Sold

AT LOWEST PRICES. China, Glassware and Holiday Goods of every description to be sold at lowest figures from now on until everything is closed out. You can save money. Do not make any mistake in finding Watson's China Store, No. 11 Market street, between Front and Water, directly opposite Goodman's Dry Goods store. Look for the sign

"WATSON'S CHINA EMPORIUM."
dec 10 2w

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned against harboring, or crediting on my account, a colored boy bound to me under the name of Willie Brewer, but commonly known as "Willie Wagner." He is short and thick set in stature and about 15 years old, and has lost index finger of right hand.

JOHN G WAGNER.
nov 21 tf D&W

Not So Attractive But Interesting

To those who wish to save money in purchasing Gifts for Christmas.

A well assorted line of

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, and Jewelry Novelties.

Fine Repairing a Specialty.

J. T. BURKE,
dec 15 1m No. 27 South Front street.

OPERA HOUSE

Monday, December 18th.
THE FAMOUS
San Francisco Minstrels.
25.....ARTISTS.....25
Everything brand new and up-to-date.
Solo Band and Orchestra.
WATCH FOR PARADE.
Admission, 25, 50 and 75 cents. dec 15 tf

-:-XMAS GOODS-:-

35 Barrels Nice Apples.
3,500 C. C. Nuts.
25 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Boxes Cal. New Crop L. L. Raisins.
25 Tubs "Blue Ribbon" Bl'n Candy.
150 Pails and Boxes Candy.
5,000 Old Va. Cheroots. Three for five cents.
And other goods in my line. Get prices.

D. L. GORE,
Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C.
nov 25 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Bids will be received by the Committee on Public Buildings of the Board of Aldermen until December 21st, 1899, for the rent of the Opera House for two (3) years from June 1st, 1900. Contract to be executed and bond for rent given by lessee.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. JONH H. HANBY,
dec 6 4t we fr Chairman.

D. O'CONNOR.
Real Estate Agent, Wilmington, N. C

DWELLINGS, STORES AND OFFICES FOR RENT.
Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, Taxes and Insurance attended to promptly. Money loaned on improved
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Christmas Doubts

For a suitable present can be settled by a visit to my store, where you will find THE FINEST GOODS ever shown in this city from which to select a stylish, useful, practical Present that will stamp you as an "up to-date" inhabitant of a progressive city. Prices to suit all size purses. Terms to suit everybody's convenience.
Open every evening till 8.30.

N. F. PARKER,
dec 5 tf No. 17 South Front street. Furniture & Furniture Novelties.

When You Want a Nice Xmas

Present for a Gentleman, Don't Forget Your Old Friend

HAMME, THE HATTER,
No. 26 North Front street.
Latest styles and lowest prices is his motto.
dec 12 tf

Shoot Your Gun!

150 Boxes Firecrackers.
5,000 C. C. Nuts.
1,400 Pounds Fancy Candy.
3,800 Pounds Mixed Candy.
125 Pounds Caramels.
140 Barrels Apples.
1,800 Pounds Loose Raisins.
1,500 Pounds L. L. Raisins.
900 Barrels Flour.
180 Bags Coffee,
240 Dozen Oysters.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
dec 6 tf Wilmington, N. C.

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT . . .

12 1-2c Per quart

For the Holiday Trade.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
304 Princess street.
Inter-State 'Phone 132. dec 14 tf

A man's Furnishings indicate his good taste. Poorly selected, they spoil the effect of even the best of Clothes. Our Furnishings are all selected with the greatest care. Therefore, he is wise who trades with us. His Shirts always fit comfortably, and look well, his Ties are attractive and of the latest styles, and his Hat and Shoes are faultless in make, fit and finish.

VONGLAHN & GIBSON,
MEN'S WEAR DEPOT.
dec 10 tf No. 120 Market St.

Holiday Goods.

Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts, Mixed Candy and Plain. Raisins of fine quality.

Selling at Low Prices.

We also have Seed Oats, Seed Wheat and a complete line of Heavy Groceries.

Lowest Prices for Quality.

The Worth Company.
dec 7 tf

Seasonable Goods.

MULLETS, new catch.
Best Cream Cheese,
Martin's Gilt Edge Butter,
Bagging and Ties.
SALT.

A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS IN DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.

Sole agents for Rob Roy FLOUR.

McNAIR & PEARSALL.
sep 10 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Crockery, GLASSWARE, &c.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR

Libbey's Celebrated Cut Glass

Our Motto, NO FANCY PRICES, will Be strictly carried out. And is a Safe Guarantee to you that you are Buying right.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.
nov 26 tf

- - CIGARS. - -

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,

Representing Powell, Smith & Co. We are distributors for their

El Capitan General, 10c.
Union League Club, - 10c.
Cuban Blossom, ---- 5c.
Renown, ---------- 5c.
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BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15.

ARE THEY HONEST?

There is much talk by the advocates of "sound money," gold standard, about the honesty of nations, the honest nations being those which redeem their obligations in the best kind of money, by which they mean gold, for in their estimation there is only one "sound" money, and that is gold. They are right in contending that honest nations should pay their honest debts in honest or sound money, but right here comes in a qualification as to conditions, the recognition of which is demanded by strict honesty. Every nation should fulfil its obligations in accordance with the agreement entered into when the obligation was contracted. That is all that honesty requires, but the nations which contract to do what they are fully aware they cannot do, which contract a debt and agree to pay in a certain kind of money which they have not and know they will not have are not honest.

Nor is the nation honest which after having contracted an obligation payable in money of its own choice, voluntarily relinquishes the choice and agrees to pay in the kind of money its creditor demands, for by so doing it imposes burdens upon its people that they did not anticipate when the obligation was contracted. The creditor who demands that is not honest; he is an extortioner; the nation which consents to it is not honest, for it becomes an accomplice in the robbery of its people, for all public debts must be paid from tributes imposed upon the people.

The national debts of the world now aggregate incomprehensible millions, and they are growing larger and larger every year. A very large proportion of these debts were contracted when silver was a recognized money, and a lawful debt-payer. The nations then could use either gold or silver in payment of debts and they were not compelled to become borrowers of a certain kind of money and to pay a premium on it to get it. When they, at the dictation of the money-lenders, demonetized silver, which up to that time was a debt-paying money, and obligated themselves to pay in gold they practically doubled their debts and put themselves absolutely in the power of the money rings and the gold speculators, who by combination could very easily control the supply of gold.

The dishonesty of this transaction becomes apparent when we remember that, although demonetized as a debt-paying money, silver was recognized as good enough to pay wages with, to buy provisions with, and to pass from hand to hand among the people. It was good enough for them, but not good enough for the money kings who lend to nations; they must have gold. Is there any honesty in thus by law making a distinction between the people who labor for their living and the men who lend money for profit? Is the money lender entitled to more recognition under the law than the money earner and the masses whose products and labor make the wealth of a nation? A just law treats all alike, makes no discriminations, shows no favors to some of the people which are denied to others, and levies no tribute on some for the benefit of others.

But are the nations which pledge themselves to pay their debts in gold honest, or do they mean to do it? There isn't a leading nation on the earth to-day that could pay its debt in gold without taxing its people beyond endurance, and then if it undertook to pay in gold it would have to get the gold by purchase, pay a premium on it, increasing the debt to the amount of the premium. There isn't a nation in the world which expects to pay its debt in gold, there isn't one of them which has made a serious attempt to pay its debt in anything save this country, and this country has been nearly forty years paying about one-third of its debt, when it had several kinds of money to pay in. And yet they talk about honesty, and paying in impossible gold. If all the property in the United States, pronounced by statisticians the wealthiest nation in the world, were sold at its present valuation it would not bring money enough to pay the national debts of the world in any kind of money, much less gold. There isn't gold coin enough in the world, if it were all available, to pay one twelfth of the debt of the nations, and yet they talk of paying in gold and they go on adding to the debts and promising to pay in gold.

Some of them have about all they can do to raise gold to pay the annual interest on their debts and some of them have defaulted so much in that that they find it difficult to borrow more money when they need it. Take our own country for example. The sound money people insist that we must pay the money lenders in gold, and to be able to do this we borrow or buy gold to put in the treasury to pay it and we pay interest on that gold. Ever since the gold payment was adopted we have been borrowing or buying gold, and we will be a gold borrower or gold buyer while that system is kept up, and by the time the debt is paid, if it ever is, it will be paid one and a half times or more.

To sum it up the gold standard is not honest nor is the nation honest which promises to pay in gold, for it is practically promising an impossibility.

LOPSIDED PROSPERITY.

We hear and read a great deal about the prosperity of the country these days. That the country is in a better condition than it was some years ago will not be denied; that there is more work for the workers is true; that some of the workers are getting a little better pay than they did a year ago is also true, and it is true that cotton growers and farmers are getting better prices for their products than they had been getting for some time previous. This means, of course, more or less prosperity for them.

But the large majority of the people earn their living by their daily labor, and their wages have not been increased in proportion to the increased cost of living since the trusts have secured such control of the markets, so that as a matter of fact while there is prosperity it is a lopsided prosperity by which the smaller number profit and the larger number profit nothing, if they are not in a worse condition than they were before, when they could buy the necessaries of life for less money or less labor than they can now. In discussing this the Wilson *News* has the following in which there is much truth:

"There is a shout of prosperity from many, but it comes because the monied interests are waxing fat and the bond holders and stockholders are clipping coupons, not because the masses are finding an improved condition of things. These earn their bread by daily toil, when they can get it, are oftimes overworked and ill paid, with poor surrounding and with children growing up with little chance of education and with scanty hope.

"Over North Carolina we find higher institutions of learning reporting increased attendance. But what about the children of the poor. Are they crowding the free schools? Hardly so, we think. It looks as if education and prosperity were alike, in that they go to the rich while the poor are frozen out.

One reason is that the children of the poor must labor in order to help feed the family; without their aid absolute penury would come. The necessary money for clothes and books and shoes is lacking. The parent and child alike dread the gibes of the public, and untaught and idle the young boy or girl stays at home rather than face companions who are better dressed and groomed than they.

The average wages of labor is about a dollar a day in the city and fifty cents in the country. How far this goes towards caring for wife and children is a problem. Yet this is what the present heralded prosperity is doing, but it is a case of prosperity for the prosperous and poverty for the poor. Until such things are remedied we can not claim that the golden jubilee of national prosperity is being celebrated in the United States.

Some time ago it was said that Li Hung Chang was worth $1,000,000,000, and now a Pekin correspondent of the Chicago *Record*, who has been nosing around, says he isn't worth more than $5,000,000. This is pretty considerable of a drop, but $5,000,000 is a good deal of money in China, and if Li is reasonably economical, he can get along on it, without stealing much.

A firm of English soap makers is making a nice thing out of a combination of patriotism and soap. It advertised that it would contribute to the Transvaal war fund half a penny on every cake of its soap sold. The sales have increased so rapidly that it has already contributed $5,000 to the fund. When the Boers hear this some of them will hate soap more than ever.

The Chicago *Tribune* remarks that writers these days take too many liberties with the word "very" and work it too hard, which is true, very true.

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FOR ALL LUNG TROUBLE

A WAR OF SURPRISES.

In the beginnnig, or rather before the beginning, when war in South Africa might have been averted, if the proper spirit of concession had been shown, the gentlemen who had charge of the negotiations for Great Britain, the army officers, and the British people, underestimated the Boers and had little conception of the magnitude of the task of subjugating them. This was shown by the dictatorial demands of Secretary Chamberlain, which became more dictatorial as the situation became more strained; by the braggart boasting of army officers, and by the howlings of the London mob for war, for vengeance for "Majuba Hill," and the jeers at speakers in public meetings who opposed war and counselled peaceful methods.

The war came sooner than they expected, for the Boers caught onto Chamberlain's game, which was to provoke them to strike the first blow, which they did before he was prepared to strike back. That was the first surprise, and the war has been full of surprises since. The enemy they made light of have proved to be stalwart and magnificent fighters, aggressive, resourceful, full of pluck and stubbornly contesting every inch of ground against England's best equipped and sturdiest fighters; and with that they are splendidly officered. This was a surprise, and every fight they have had with these despised Boers has added to the surprises. British officers are now candidly admitting that they knew neither the people nor the country. It would be safe to say that no nation was ever more surprised at the outcome of a war as far as it has gone, than the British nation is at this, which is clearly shown by the action in so rapidly increasing its fighters down there.

So far the Boers have, according to reports, killed and captured over four thousand British soldiers, and among them a large number of officers, including some of their best commanders, and yet the war has not fairly begun, every fight so far being upon British ground, where the Boers threw up hasty defences. If the British have paid so dearly in attempting to drive the Boers back from these, how will it be when they attempt the narrow defiles and the strongly fortified positions in the Boer territory?

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The gin house, saw mill and planing mill of Mr. Marshall Partin, about seventeen miles south of here, were burned last Friday. The loss will be some $1,200 or $1,500. The fire originated from a match in the cotton that was being ginned. In addition to Mr. Partin's damage, many of his patrons lost cotton, seed and lumber that they had there.

— Chatham *Record*: On last Tuesday Dr. H. T. Chapin, as county superintendent of health, visited nine cases of smallpox in the western part of the county. A colored man named Marshal Glover, near Siler City, has a bad case of it, his face being so swollen that he cannot see. Two of his children have had it but are now nearly well. A mile or more from there Mr. Robert Dorsett has a mild case, and near the old Phil. Alston farm a colored family has several cases.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: Mr. Jno. D. Holt informs us that he has and is using a bedstead that is 110 years old. The bed was originally owned by Mr. Holt's great grand-father and has been handed down by father to son. —— The farmers of this section report considerable damage to wheat by a kind of fly that eats the tender bud of the plant. Its prevalence is due to the warm fall. The wheat is very large for the season, and some fear is expressed that it will not stand a cold winter, should we have one.

— Durham *Sun*: Deputy Collector S. P. Satterfield and a posse captured an illicit distillery near Rougemont last Saturday. The revenue men succeded in getting a hundred gallon still, cap, worm, twenty five hundred gallons of beer, twenty-one fermenters, eight gallons of whiskey, sixteen bushels of meal and other things which go to make up a moonshine outfit. The officers did not succeed in making any arrests, as the moonshiners were absent at the time that the revenue men descended upon the "lay out."

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. W. R. Gardiner has had three attacks a very peculiar nature which nonplus the doctors who have examined the case. Tuesday after supper he had the third one of these strange attacks. He had just finished his meal when suddenly his hands and feet seemed to be gorged with blood. Both the hands and the feet turned excessively red and swelled up to a size at least two times as large as they were normally. The attack left Mr. Gardner almost as suddenly as it came and to-day he is able to be in his accustomed place of business.

— Clarkton *Express*: Mr. Enoch Harrelson lost his barn and stables by fire last Saturday evening just after dinner. All of his corn went up in the flame. Cause of fire unaccounted for.—— We learn that W. J. Sutton captured a still up on the west side of Cape Fear river last week and had quite an adventure with the moonshiners. After capturing the still he with others started for Fayetteville with it and was followed by some of the parties. He reached Fayettville, however, and placed the still in the warehouse. Thinking all danger over he went to supper leaving the still in charge of two negro guards, while he was away some unknown parties came up and at the point of their guns demanded complete silence on the part of the two negro guards. Of course this command was at once obeyed and they proceed to take the still back again.

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— After all, would it not have been better to proceed in the regulae manner in the case of Brigham Roberts? Disregard of well established precedents is always dangerous, and there are some things worse than permitting a polygamist from Utah from holding a seat in congress.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— "This man, Agoncillo, and his master, Aguinaldo," says Congressman Lovering, of Mass., "do not represent the people of the Philippines." To be sure. How absurd. Otis and Lawton and Wheeler and the Presidents commissioners are their natural representatives, of course. How could they possibly desire any better.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— Farming in New England must have revived. We hear that eighty farms in Massachusetts report an annual production of from $15,000 to $50,000 each, and several of less than an acre each yield from $1,000 to $5,000. Poultry farms in that state return $40 an acre, dairy farms $27. and plain agriculture $14. Shis rather puts out the old story that farming in the east is a starvation calling .— *Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—— The elusive insurgent Filipinos are leading our armies a merry dance on Luzon Island, with no power to resist the American advance, and no apparent desire to establish peace. The ingrained habit of revolt has become second nature through inherited instinct and long centuries of Spanish oppression and misrule. Our commanding officers must not only catch the Tagalos, but tame them as well.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Choice of Perils: "Why do you let your son join the army in the Philippines?" "He said if we didn't he'd go into a football team."

— Blood Will Tell: Father—"So you want to get married, eh? Tell me why, pray?" Daughter—"Ah, I suppose it's one of the traits I inherited from my mother."

— Mrs. Wabash—"Have you a good cook?" Mrs. Dearborn—"Yes, she's good enough—attends church three times a week and all that—but her cooking isn't what it should be."

— Jeweler—"This style of mirror is the prettiest produced this year. Look at the beautiful ornamentation on the silver back." Customer—"Who expects a woman ever to look at the back of a mirror!"—*Jewelers' Weekly.*

— It must have taken lots of nerve for him to laugh and joke with the doctors while they were taking his leg off at the knee. Didn't he seem excited?" "Well, I thought he talked in a rather disjointed manner."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Ethel (rummaging in grandma's drawer)—"Oh, grandma, what a curious key this is!" Grandma—"Yes, my dear. That was your grandfather's latch-key." "And you keep it in memory of old days?" "No, my dear; old nights."—*Tit Bits.*

— Slight-of-Hand Under Difficulties: Prestidigitator (in Frozen Dog)—"Will some gent in the audience kindly lend me his hat to make an omelet in?" Bronco Bill—"That's mine, stranger! And when yer hand it back yer wanter be sure thar's an omelet in it, or thar'll be trouble, for I'm hungry as a coyote."—*Puck.*

— "An operation for appendicitis," the surgeon assured the sufferer, "is rather a serious thing, of course, but it is not necessarily an alarming one, and it will demonstrate, moreover, just how much fortitude you have." "Yes," replied the patient. "I suppose it will show will just what's in me. Go ahead."—*Chicago Record.*

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Wilmington District, R. F. Bumpass, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, Bladen Street, 11 A. M., Dec. 17.
Wilmington, Market Street, at night, Dec. 17.
Wilmington, Fifth Street, Dec. 24.
Southport, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
Burgaw, Burgaw Creek, Jan. 9. 7.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, January 13, 14.
Magnolia, Magnolia, Jan. 20, 21.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Jacksonville, Jan. 27, 28.
Carvers Creek, Wymans, Feb. 3, 4.
Scott's Hill, Prospect, Jan. 30.
Wilmington, Grace, Feb. 11, 13.
Bladen, Center, Feb. 17, 18.
Clinton, Johnson's, Feb. 24, 25.
Kenansville, Kenansville, March 2, 4.
Waccamaw, Bethesda, March 9.
Whiteville, Whiteville, March 10, 11.
Zion, Zion, Feb. 6.
Atlantic, Concord, Feb. 7.
Onslow, Bethlehem, March 18, 19.

PERT PERSONALS.

Russell Sage is now 83 years old, but his grip on his purse strings is as firm as ever.—Toledo Blade.

The worst thing that ever happened to General Toral was being born a Spaniard.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Young Edwin Gould may not be a chip of the old block, but he is unquestionably a match out of the same box.—Detroit Journal.

The boss dynamiters of Japan are Pak Ki Yank, Pak Chung Yung and Pak Yung Hyo, and they are a very bad pack. —Baltimore Herald.

Governor Pingree is right when he says all the prominent men are following him. But has he noticed what they have in their hands?—Detroit News.

Sir Alfred Austin does very well for marriages and tea parties, but he doesn't seem quite the right man to speak severely in poetry to Oom Paul, if need should arise.—Washington Star.

It is said that Queen Victoria lives in continual fear of burglars. But she has an advantage over most women. She is able to hire some one to look under the bed at night.—Chicago Times-Herald.

John Philip Sousa, the band leader, is taking boxing lessons. It is hard to imagine Mr. Sousa leading with his left in A minor, countering with his right in lower F and swinging a half hook in upper C.—Chicago News.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worse form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Mrs. James' Bay Window.

Of course it was Mrs. James in her bay window that made all the row and changed the face of that time honored facade that had fronted the park for two generations. It was not much of a park, to say the truth, just a block square of trees and grass, but it was a park—the park—and the choice residential quarter of the town. To move down to the park was to get into society. The row of houses, in the middle of one of which dwelt Mrs. James, was a solid block, all alike from corner to corner, three story, red brick, high stoop dwellings, without any frills or excrescences to mar their respectable uniformity.

Everybody in the row knew everybody else, and, though naturally there was more or less gossip running along from house to house, especially in the summer, when all over town people were sitting out evenings on the front steps, still it was what might be called a very friendly and neighborly neighborhood till Mrs. James blossomed out with her bay window.

It was a Christmas present from Mr. James—a handsome plate glass and imitation brown stone abutment over the front door. But the row disliked it from the first. It broke the harmony of the block in more senses than one. In the first place, it looked lonely, jutting out all by itself from that block long flatness of red brick. Then, too, it made the other houses look poor and untrimmed. And to look poor and untrimmed is to feel so of course. However, by the exercise of a little Christian charity this might have been endured. What the neighborhood couldn't stand was to feel itself watched, as it speedily did, by that protruding eye which raked the street from end to end. All Mrs. James had to do was to sit there in her observatory and see everything that went on along the entire row.

And sit there she did, morning, noon and night. All night, too, the men began to say as she began to twit them with their hours for coming home. She could do that with a good face, for the whole row knew that Mr. James was always in bed and asleep by 10 o'clock at night. He had his fun by day "when he might better have been attending to business," as Mrs. Snipper told Mrs. James to her face, when they had the row, that all came about from that prying bay window. Mrs. James saw Mr. Snipper come home one night rather later than he ought, and, instead of keeping the matter to herself, or, at any rate, being content to say what she had to say about it quietly in the next one's ear, what does she do but hail Mr. Snipper next day from her stoop to his in this fashion: "Well, Mr. Snipper, it strikes me that you keep pretty late hours for a married man. One o'clock this morning when you came in."

"Well, Mrs. James," said he, "you needn't say anything. It strikes me you keep pretty late hours for a married woman."

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked, very indignant.

"Well, how the devil"—and, mind you, this was all out loud, from stoop to stoop—"how the devil can you know that I am up late if you aren't up late yourself to see?"

It wasn't a very nice way to speak to a lady, one must own, but the poor man certainly did have provocation. And he was as good a man, too, as ever stepped. However, Mrs. James rushed off and told Mr. James that Mr. Snipper had insulted her. And Mr. James spoke to Mr. Snipper, and before the row was over Mrs. Snipper had thrown out that hint about Mr. James, and then there was music at the Jameses too.

And so it went, all along the row, first one and then another, and all on account of that spying bay window, till finally Dan Tripper took the matter up and settled Mrs. James and her bay window once for all. Everybody around the park had known all along that Dan's brother Sam dissipated more than he should. But he wasn't a married man, and as his brother and his brother's wife bore with him nobody else felt called upon to make remarks. However, it must be said that nobody knew quite how badly he did go on till Mrs. James saw him from her bay window sneaking home at 5 a. m. very disheveled. Of course, it was disgraceful, and it made such a talk that Sam up and left his brother's house —it was half his home, too; said he wouldn't live near any woman. That bay window of Mrs. James' brought cursing and swearing into the row as well as anger and bitterness. So Sam took rooms over Hicks', the barber's, up town, in a business block, and the Trippers were furious. Sam couldn't pay his board, of course, in his brother's own house which was half his, but he was always making them lovely presents. And Sally Tripper liked him, anyway; said if they'd only leave Sam to her she'd bring him around all right in time.

Well, Dan Tripper said he'd be hanged if he wouldn't fix that James woman; he'd have a bay window, too, and Mrs. Tripper should spend her life in it, keeping tab on Mrs. James. And he did. What was more, his bay window was round. The James' was square, so, in a way, and, so to speak, he had the bulge on Mrs. James. His bay window may not have stuck out any farther, but it seemed to. And sure enough, pretty soon Mrs. James had to lower her shade on the side toward the Trippers and keep it down. Lace curtains aren't any protection, you know, when there is another window right behind you.

Well, and when Mr. Snipper, on the other side of her, saw how Dan had fixed her, he posted off to the same architect and ordered a bay window exactly like the Trippers'. And there was Mrs. James completely sandwiched.

Now all the houses in the row have bay windows, and the old block has got back to something like its former decent uniformity, with nobody having the advantage over anybody else.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Jim's Cleverness.

"Jim took advantage of Jane Radcliff's frightful attack of hoarseness and proposed to her."

"Did she shake her head?"

"No. Her neck was too stiff."

"Did Jim kiss her?"

"No. The cold in her head was too bad."

"He smiled and said 'Silence gives consent,' and hunted up her father."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What a Creamery Will Do.

The operation of a well patronized and well conducted creamery in a community where it was before unknown works a revolution in all directions on the farm. It lightens the labors of the wife and mother; it secures a monthly certain cash income; it restores impoverished acres; it means more and better pigs, more and better calves, a more even distribution of farm work all the year. It will do more for a community than a new railroad and will without fail lift a chattel mortgaged and down at the heels grain raiser on to a plane of independence and comfort, while it and what naturally grows out of such a system of agriculture will vitalize his depleted soil and in a few years double its productive capacity. This is neither theorizing nor fanciful speculation, but a plain statement of cause and effect. It has been done and is being done all over the west.

Watery Butter.

One of the objects of a good butter maker whose butter goes on the average market is to retain a relatively large amount of water in the butter without having it appear watery. In determining the moisture in two samples of butter recently it was found that the sample that appeared to be dry and waxy contained considerably more water than the sample from which the water spurted when pressed against the trier with the thumb.

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A True TEMPERANCE MEDICINE,

CONTAINING NEITHER ALCOHOL NOR NARCOTICS.

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Standard		6¼	6½
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WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔		12½	15
Sides ℔ ℔		5½	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔			6
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		5½	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔			6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 15		1 20
New New York, each			1 35
New City, each			1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔			25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00		7 00
Northern	9 00		14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	21		22½
Northern	27		30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46		47½
Virginia Meal			47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle			1 10
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	13		25
Adamantine	8		11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	16		18
Dairy Cream			18
State	14		15
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12½		15
Rio	7		10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard			5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s			70
EGGS—℔ dozen	18		20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00		30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00		15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00		18 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ half-bbl.	8 00		9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00		14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75		4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel			3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00		3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5		10
" Extra	4 35		4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade			3 00
Choice			3 50
Straight	3 75		3 90
First Patent	4 25		4 50
GLUE—℔ ℔	12½		15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52		53½
Car-load, in bgs—White			50
Oats, from store	38		40
Oats, Rust Proof			45
Cow Peas	60		75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted			6½
Dry flint	10		13½
Dry salt			9
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay	85		90
Rice Straw	50		50
Eastern	80		85
Western	80		85
North River	80		85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3½		4
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6		6½
North Carolina	8		10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15		1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00		20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00		16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00		18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00		22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00		15 00
Common mill	5 00		6 00
Fair mill	6 50		8 00
Prime mill	8 50		10 00
Extra mill	10 00		10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads			25
Barbadoes, in barrels			28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28		30
Porto Rico, in barrels	25		30
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12		14
Sugar House, in barrels	14		15
Syrup, in barrels	15		25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 50		3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 00		10 50
Rump			9 50
Prime			9 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10		22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum			1 25
Liverpool	90		95
American	85		90
On 125 ℔ Sacks			60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00		6 50
Common	1 60		2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50		2 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½		5¾
Standard A	4¾		5
White Extra C			4¾
Extra C, Golden			4¼
C, Yellow			4⅛
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½		4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00		14 00
R. O. Hogshead			3 35
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00		10 00
Mill, Prime	7 50		8 75
Mill, Fair	6 50		7 00
Common Mill	5 00		6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50		5 00

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WILMINGTON MARKET

STAR OFFICE, Dec 14

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market opened firm at 48 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 47½ cents per gallon for country casks. Closed steady at 48½@48 cents.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per barrel for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.50 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 39@38½c; rosin firm at 97½@$1.02½; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30 @$2.00, $2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	63
Rosin	814
Tar	511
Crude turpentine	30
Receipts same day last year.	91
casks spirits turpentine, 427 bbls rosin, 844 bbls tar, 84 bbls crude turpentine.	

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 13 16 cts.	℔
Good ordinary	6 3-16	" "
Low middling	6 13-16	" "
Middling	7¼	" "
Good middling	7½	" "

Same day last year middling 5¼c.

Receipts—1,786 bales; same day last year, 1,784.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1.05. Virginia—Prime 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm, 52 to 52½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to $5.00, seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Money on call was quoted steady at 4@7 per cent., last loan 4 per cent.; ruling rate 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was easier; actual business in bankers' bills at 487½ for demand and 481¾@483¼ for sixty days. Posted rates were 482¼ and 488½. Commercial bills 481@481¼. Silver certificates 59@59½. Bar silver 59¼. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds steady. State bonds weak. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. 2's, reg'd, 102; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 109¼; do. coupon, 109¼; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 134; do. coupon, 134; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 113¾; do. coupon, 114½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112½; do. coupon, 112½; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 104; Southern Railway 5's 107½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 53½; Chesapeake & Ohio 30¼; Manhattan L 98½; N. Y. Central 129¾; Reading 18; do. 1st preferred 52¾; St. Paul 120½; do. preferred off'd 169; Southern Railway 12; do. preferred 55½; American Tobacco, 99¾; do. preferred 138; People's Gas 106; Sugar 130¼; do. preferred 113; T. C. & Iron 85; U. S. Leather 13⅝; do. preferred 76; Western Union 87⅝.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 45. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, December 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48c; sales 20 casks; no receipts. Rosin firm; sales 200 barrels; B, C, D, E, $1 05; F, $1 10; G, $1 20; H, $1 10; I, $1 35; K, $1 40; M, $1 70; N, $2 15, W G, $2 60; W W, $3 50.

SAVANNAH, December 14.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 49c; sales 530 casks; receipts 549 casks; exports 15 casks. Rosin steady; sales 529 barrels; receipts 4,237 barrels; exports 443 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, $1 10; F, $1 20; G, $1 30; H, $1 40; I, $1 40; K, $1 45; M, $1 80; N, $2 25; W G, $2 75; W W, $3 60.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Taken as a whole, to-day's cotton market was peculiarly firm, notwithstanding apathetic speculation. An irregular start was made owing to fears among room bulls that the investment public would continue its liquidating process so prominent yesterday afternoon. Initial sales show a decline of two points on some positions, while others were scaled upward to an advance of two points, with the market barely steady in tone. It was soon conclusively demonstrated, however, that commission house brokers had almost

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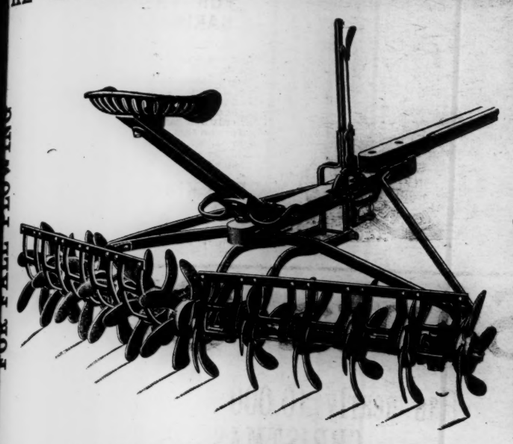

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Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 8:48 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Lumberton 9:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Washington 5:00 P. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:34 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Ruther fordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 406—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:30 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:12 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 8:20 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 9.40 A. M.

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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans	$ 858,971.84
Overdrafts	8.79
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000.00
Due from app'd res've ag't's $ 75,160.98	
Due from other banks 169,160.99	
Cash on hand 79,381.51	327,652 78
Total	$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	101,784.40
Circulation	41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas. $ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks 207,693.55	
Deposits from individuals 731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit 35,000.00	1,024,408.71
Total	$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	75,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

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THE STORY OF A STRANGE MISSION TO A DESERT ISLAND.

In the Queer Business Figured a Big Coffin and a Dead Chinese Mandarin Who May Not Have Been a Dead Chinaman After All.

"I've spent a good many years round these islands," said the night watch on a yacht in the Santa Barbara channel, "and I've had some singular experiences. Last winter I spent in Santa Barbara, only coming to the island occasionally. One day a Chinaman came to my lodgings and asked me if I knew San Nicolas, the bleakest and windiest of all the California islands. I said I did.

"'You know mandalin?' he asked. 'Lung Kow allee samee mandalin; he go San Nicolas; allee samee dead man. You sabe?'

"In short, the Chinaman was a representative of the Six Companies of San Francisco, and the mandarin, Lung Kow, had taken a trip for his health to the island with a party of abalone hunters and had died on the desolate spot. He was a big man, and so a delegation of Chinamen had been sent to Santa Barbara to charter a vessel to go to San Nicolas to bring him to mainland. We soon struck a bargain and set sail. The island lies well out to sea, where it blows half a gale nearly all the time, and there are no safe harbors. My schooner was a little fore and after, with a small cockpit and cabin, which just about held the four Chinamen, while cross deck, amidships, they stowed a bronze coffin. The men, as near as I could make out, seemed to be priests of rank and went on regular watch duty from the time they started. They crowded into the cabin and lit their pipes and kept them going all the way over. As soon as we got under sail one of them threw a lot of paper into the air, repeating something in Chinese. This was to give the vessel good luck. The others burned punk in the cabin.

"We reached the island one night when it was blowing furiously, and we lay on the edge of the kelp till morning. The landing was through a channel about 20 feet wide, with a wall of rock on each side. When you got in it was all right, as there was a cove and sandy beach. The Chinamen had brought one of their boats, a clumsy affair, and we all put off in her with the heavy coffin lashed to the seats. The sea was still high, and while we rowed the Chinamen threw paper and waved their punk sticks. I was looking for trouble, and just as we reached the narrow channel the sea dropped away from the bow, the stern flew up in the air, and a big wave struck the flat bottom of the boat, sending her stern over bow into the cove, and spilling every one into the water. When the Chinamen recovered from their fright they rushed for the boat, and, hauling her up, unfastened the coffin and laid it on the beach. The abalone hunters met us, and there was more bowing and more punk burned, and then the men took the coffin on their shoulders and we followed the abalone hunters.

Well, my partner and I took turns at carrying the coffin with the Chinamen, and for several miles followed the abalone men over the hills and sand to a remote spot where the grave was pointed out. Now came the funny part of it. Naturally you would think they would do all the work of taking up the body, but they indicated that they expected us to do it, and as we had been paid to do the work there was no backing out. The Chinamen thrust lighted punk in the sand all about and went through many gesticulations while we dug. The Mandarin had simply been laid in the sand with his robes about him and his red-buttoned hat on. We got him up, put him in the coffin and bolted it down. Then the Chinamen threw handfuls of papers in the air, uttering cries and bowing to the body, to the east and west.

"We finally got the coffin triced to two long poles and began the march back. I've taken some hard and curious tramps in my time, but that discounted them all. The Chinamen were thoroughly frightened—you know they think the wind is a living thing, and when it began to howl and roar and fill the air with stones and dirt they would stop and point at the black fog bank that looked like a big dragon, then start off again, plowing through the drifting sand, sometimes almost losing sight of the guide ahead. Finally we reached the beach. The yacht was lying on the edge of the kelp, about 200 yards off shore and riding on a pretty good swell that set in from the west, but the junkboat came in all right and we hauled her up, high and dry.

"Remembering their experience, the Chinamen wanted us to wait until the sea went down; but we explained that there was always a sea running, so they consented to try it. They evidently were determined to take no chances, as they first placed the heavy coffin, now heavier than ever, amidships, and lashed it in, then put my partner and me at the oars, while the dead Chinaman took his place in the boat with his hand on the coffin.

After much excitement we got the coffin in the falls and landed it on deck, putting it across the house. That night the only dry place was the coffin, so I piled my blankets on top of it and was fast asleep on top of the Mandarin when I felt some one pulling at me and found the whole party about me. They had a sort of hourly service and had formed in a procession in the cockpit, and, when they reached the coffin, were horrified to find me there. Their peculiar rites were kept up during the entire trip, and it was months before we got rid of the smell of opium and punk. The body was shipped to San Francisco under the same guard."

"And that was the last of Lung Kow?" asked one of the yachtsmen.

"I don't know about that," replied the sailor. "The next week we saw in a San Francisco paper that a lot of smuggled opium had been captured in a coffin, and we began to think that the Mandarin was just an ordinary dummy Chinaman, packed with opium cases, which had been landed at San Nicolas and taken away by us. It looked that way."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Time For Action.

Freddie (whose pa is a strict disciplinarian)—Ma, can you have a man arrested if you think he's going to kill you?

Ma—Certainly, my son.

Freddie—Then I'm going to git out a warrant for pa.

Ma—You shock me, Freddie. What reason could you possibly have for any such action against your father?

Freddie—Why, I heard him tell the lumberman this morning to bring him a cartload of shingles.—Richmond Dispatch.

With Pleasure.

McSwatters—I always love to hear that girl next door play "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mrs. McSwatters—I thought you said you couldn't stand her piano playing?

McSwatters—Well, when she plays "The Star Spangled Banner," it's a sign she's got through.—Syracuse Herald.

Neglected.

The flowers drooped; the birds cowered in the trees with listless wings.

"The poet sings no more of us!" sighed the flowers.

"No, we are not the man behind some old thing or other!" exclaimed the birds, somewhat petulantly, it would seem.—Detroit Journal.

Frightful Oversight.

"He proposed to you unexpectedly, did he?"

"Unexpectedly!" exclaimed the sweet young thing. "Well, I should say so. It was so unexpected that I neglected to say 'This is so sudden!'"—Chicago Post.

Cheering Her Up.

Mrs. Greenleigh—My husband never lets a day pass without telling me how much he loves me.

Mrs. Oldham—Oh, then he must have some cause to believe that you have him under suspicion.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Hard Won Acquisitions.

"I am a self made man," remarked the boastful American.

"So am I," said the Duc de Stramonium. "I'd never have had any more title than you have if I hadn't got out and hustled for it."—Washington Star.

Literal.

"Here, here!" cried the city editor, "what do you mean by saying 'the prisoner laughed aloud for mercy?'"

"That's exactly what he did," replied the star reporter. "The judge had just made a silly joke at his expense."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Possibly More Serious.

Friend—Hey, Johnnie, wot're pinched fer?

Johnnie—It was fer fightin, but it may be murder by dis time. I ain't heard how me victim is.—New York Journal.

So He Helped Himself to It.

"Your remarks are ill timed, Mr. Slowpay," said the boarding house lady. "There is a time for everything, you know."

"Yes, I know," replied Mr. Slowpay, as he helped himself to another plate of hash.—Chicago News.

The Murchison National Bank.

Commenced Business March 1st, 1899.

Capital, - - - -	$200,000
Net Profits, - - -	15,000

Deposits Nov. 7th, $353,835.18, every dollar of which is secured by Two Dollars, as follows:

ASSETS.

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Secured loans and discounts	288,949.72
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6 50 p m	Ar.....Wilmington.....Lv	9 00 a m
8 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
8 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.....Sanford.....Ar	11 55 a m
12 42 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	3 44 p m
12 18 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	4 38 p m
11 07 a m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	5 12 p m
10 35 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv.....Rural Hall.....Lv	6 18 p m
9 45 a m	Lv.....Mt. Airy.....Ar	6 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 54.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 55.
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.....Maxton.....Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv.....Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv.....Hope Mills.....Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46.		No. 47.

South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
5 30 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.....Madison.....Ar	11 55 a m

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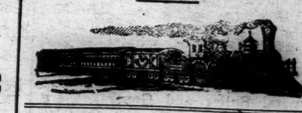

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.36 P M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 5.31 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.90 P. M., Warsaw 8.33 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.38 A M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.33 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY ‖9.40 A M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P M., Richmond 7.30 P M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.95 A M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.15 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.08 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9.53 A. M. Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxto n 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 9 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 8.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.16 A. m., Weldon 11.53 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 2.30 A. M. 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.34 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M. Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.15 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P.M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 1.21 A. M., Bowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Bowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.52 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15.

UNINTERESTING SESSIONS OF SENATE AND HOUSE.

The Pettigrew Resolution Concerning the Filipinos Killed in the Senate—Currency Debate in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The Senate to day by a decisive vote and practically without discussion laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not the United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgent's flag and had turned over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. It agreed to the House Christmas recess resolution and agreed to meet to morrow to receive reports on the composition of its committees for this Congress. The vote on the Pettigrew resolution resulted 41 ayes to 20 nays as follows:

Yays—Aldrich, Allison, Beveridge, Carter, Chandler, Clark of Wyoming, Deboe, Depew, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hanna, Howley, Kean, Lindsay, Lodge, McBride, McComas, McCumber, McEnery, McLaurin, McMillan, Nelson, Perkins, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Pritchard, Ross, Scott, Sewell, Shoup, Spooner, Stewart, Thurston, Wellington, Wetmore, Wolcott.—41.

Nays—Bacon, Bate, Berry, Butler, Clay, Cockrell, Harris, Heitfeld, Hoar, Jones of Arkansas, Kenney, Money, Pettigrew, Pettus, Rawlins, Sullivan, Taliaferro, Tillman, Turley, Vest—20.

On motion of Senator Foraker, the Senate at 1.05 P. M., adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Danford, of Ohio.

House of Representatives.

The debate on the Currency bill in the House to-day was tame and prosaic. The attendance both in the galleries and on the floor was light, and none of the speeches made attracted especial attention. Mr. Sibley, Democrat, Pennsylvania, who has publicly announced his change of views on the money question, and who it was thought might vote for the bill, stated that he would vote against it. Mr. Thayer, a Massachusetts Democrat, was the only member of the opposition who made a speech for the bill to day.

Mr. Cox, Tennessee, who was the ranking minority member of the Banking and Currency committee in the last Congress, opened the debate today in opposition to the Currency bill. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Cox paid his respects to Mr. Grosvenor, whom he characterized as the spokesman of the administration on the floor. He was a most adept representative of the chief executive, said he, for when placed in a hole he never experienced the least difficulty in getting out. (Laughter).

When Mr. Sibley, Pennsylvania, arose to speak, much interest was manifested owing to the report that he had changed his views upon the silver question. Mr. Sibley, however, disappointed his audience. He had only risen to say that he proposed to print his views in the *Record*. He had been offered time by the Republicans, but as he had spoken against the Republican candidates in twenty-seven States in '96 he did not desire to accept favors at their hands. On the other hand he did not desire to embarrass the Democrats by asking for time from them. He would vote against the pending bill, he said, but he did not entirely agree with the views of members upon the minority side. He would, therefore, content himsels with printing his opinions.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, called Mr. Sibley to witness that he had been offered thirty-five minutes within which to present his views. To this Mr. Sibley assented, but said he had not availed himself of the proffer, as he did not desire to embarrass the gentleman who had tendered it.

Mr. McCleary, of Minnesota, remarked upon the change which had come over the Democrats. In the past Congress they had always seemed eager and anxious to offer a free silver proposition as a substitute for almost anything that happened to be pending. During the debate not a Democrat had come forward with a free silver substitute.

At 5 o'clock the House took recess until 8 o'clock.

The Night Session.

At the night session the following members made speeches:

Messrs. H. C. Smith, Republican, Illinois, and Gibson, Republican, Tennessee; in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Sheppard, Democrat, Texas; Shackleford, Democrat, Missouri; W. E. Wilson, Democrat, Illinois; Burnett, Democrat, Alabama; Allen, Democrat, Kentucky; McLain, Democrat, Mississippi; Ridgeley, Populist, Kansas; Beazeale, Democrat, Louisiana; Little, Democrat, Arkansas; Talbert, Democrat, South Carolina; Stokes, Democrat, South Carolina, against the bill.

At 10.15 P. M. the House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 A. M.

CONTRACTORS ARRESTED.

Alleged to be Associated With Ex-Captain Carter in a Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—B. D. Green, Colonel F. Gaynor, E. H. Gaynor and William T. Gaynor, the contractors with whom Captain Oberlin M. Carter was associated in the Savannah river and Cumberland sound improvements, surrendered this morning to United States Commissioner Shields. The men were indicted last Friday by the United States grand jury at Savannah for being concerned in a conspiracy by which the government was defrauded out of $575,949. Michael A. Connelly who is also a member of the Atlantic Dredging and Contracting Company, and who was indicted at the same time is not in the country.

The accused demanded an examination and the hearing was set for December 23rd. Col. John F. Gaynor and B. D. Green were placed under $20,000 bonds each; Wm. T. Gaynor and Edward H. Gaynor were held in $10,000 bail each.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 14.—M. A. Connelly, one of the alleged conspirators in the Gaynor-Green-Carter case, has written from Cuba to an attorney in this city that he is ready to report to the United States court whenever he is wanted to answer the indictment. He is understood to be now in the employ of the war department in Cuba. For several years he was secretary to Captain O. M. Carter in this city.

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THE BATTLE AT MODDER RIVER.

British Report That the Boer Losses Must Have Exceeded Seven Hundred.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIGHT.

No News From Ladysmith—Reports Discredited by British War Office—Disaffection in Cape Colony—Fears of An Outbreak.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MODDER RIVER, December 13.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning, under a flag of truce, to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein.

The Boers' losses must exceed seven hundred. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous.

Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

The British troops have returned to Modder River, owing to the lack of water near the position held yesterday.

Disaffection in Cape Colony.

LONDON, December 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following General Gatacre's repulse" says the Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily News* "has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists, who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing. A large section is restless and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers.

"There are disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony where many secret meetings have been held. The imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Bedford districts."

The Fight at Magersfontein.

LONDON, December 15.—The correspondent of the *Standard* at Modder river, describing the fight at Magersfontein, says:

"Six miles had to be covered before the Highlanders' brigade could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force, which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly.

"Beyond question the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to one version, two Highlanders, through nervousness or clumsiness, discharged their rifles prematurely, but it is equally probable that the advance Boer scouts conveyed the intelligence.

"Our men were totally unprepared. They had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that had the brigade been extended and with fixed bayonets, the trenches might have been successfully rushed with far less sacrifice of life."

Details of the Fight.

MODDER RIVER, CAPE COLONY, December 12.—Details gathered here by a representative of the Associated Press among the wounded British and Boers give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight at Magersfontein. The Highlanders did all that the most gallant troops in the world could do, but it was impossible to face the terrible fire of the Boers. The British artillery again saved the situation and divided the honors of the day with the Scots. The batteries worked for hours under a galling rifle fire.

According to the Boer stories, it was impossible for the burghers to have escaped fearful loss. One Boer prisoner said a single lyddite shell killed or wounded over seventy, and that two other shells burst over two bodies of Boer troops ensconced behind the range, doing fearful damage. All agree that the Boers fought throughout with the utmost gallantry. Their sharpshooters seldom missed the mark.

A Seaforth Highlander says that while he was lying wounded on the field, he saw a Boer, of typical German appearance, faultlessly dressed, with polished top boots, a shirt with silk ruffles, and a cigar in his mouth, walking among the ant hills, picking off the British. He was quite alone and it was apparent from the frequent use he made of field glasses that he was singling out officers.

Another wounded Boer says that a lyddite shell, fired on Sunday, fell in the middle of an open-air prayer meeting held to offer supplications for the success of the Boer arms.

All the wonnded are full of praise for the treatment they receive from the medical department on the battle field.

While the Guards were advancing on the plain which the Boers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encountered and cut up a strong Boer picket posted on a hill, for purposes of observation. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

The British Casualties.

LONDON, December 14.—A revised list of the total casualties to the British troops of all arms at Magersfontein places the number at 832. There were fifteen officers killed and four wounded, and in addition five are missing and one is said to have been made prisoner.

The War Office has received a message stating that there were 650 casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland brigade at Magersfontein. The brigade lost ten officers killed, thirty-eight wounded and four missing.

A Sortie From Ladysmith.

LONDON, December 14.—A special dispatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, December 11th, says that the Ladysmith garrison has made a sortie and destroyed the Modder Pruit bridge.

The War Office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:

"General French wires, under date of December 13th, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'clock in the morning with 1,800 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer, and two missing."

More Troops for South Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The War Office this evening made the following announcement:

"The Sixth division has been mobilized and four battalions of this division will have embarked by Sunday.

"The government has also provided for the immediate mobilization of the Seventh division."

LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 14.—Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent and former officer of the Fourth Hussars, who was captured at the time of the armored train disaster near Estcourt, November 16th, has escaped from Pretoria.

No News from Ladysmith.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 4.45 A. M.—The War Office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief was that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

The stories circulated yesterday that General Buller and General Clery had entered Ladysmith and captured ten thousand Boers are totally without confirmation. The War Office has heard nothing of the relief of Ladysmith and do not credit the report, saying that the relief of the place at such an early date is believed to be practically impossible.

FREERE CAMP, Dec. 13.—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso, and an artillery duel is expected to day.

WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL.

Impressive Ceremonies in Commemoration of the Day at Mount Vernon. Conducted by Masons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—With solemn pomp and circumstance, with ceremonies beautiful, impressive and appropriate, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, and in the full splendor of ideal autumn weather, the centennial of the death of George Washington was commemorated today at Mt. Vernon.

To day's ceremonies were elaborately planned and successfully carried to fruition. They were conducted by the Masonic bodies and by the Red Men of the United States. Charge of the ceremonies incident to to-day's commemoration was placed in the hands of the Masons of Virginia, it being in the Old Dominion that Washington was obligated as a Master Mason, and there that he participated enthusiastically in Masonic work and observances. The officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the membership of Fredericksburg Lodge, in which Washington was made Mason, and of Washington-Alexandria Lodge, over which he presided as Worshipful Master, had the chief part in the duty of seeing that to day's observances were appropriate.

The visiting Masons, many accompanied by the ladies of their families, congregated in Washington early today, and escorted by the Masonic bodies of the District of Columbia, headed by the Grand Lodge of the district, made the pilgrimage to Mount Vernon by boat. The Virginia Masons assembled at Alexandria and thence, escorted by Fredericksburg Lodge and Washington-Alexandria Lodge, as bodies, proceeded to Mount Vernon also by boat.

At 10 o'clock President McKinley, himself an enthusiastic Mason, accompanied by Secretary of State Hay, Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Secretary of the Navy Long, Secretary of Interior Hitchcock, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Postmaster General Smith, of the cabinet; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen, and Major General Miles, left Washington on a special electric train for Mount Vernon, arriving there at 11 o'clock. The presidential party was greeted by Grand Master Duke, of Virginia, and by him was escorted to the mansion.

After the President and his cabinet had reviewed the Masonic bodies from a platform on the east front of the Mansion, a procession was formed and moved, as on the day of General Washington's funeral, December 18, 1799, to the old vault, where the remains were first deposited. There, in the immediate presence of the guard of officers of the various States and the assembled Masons, solemn funeral rites were conducted.

A solemn dirge by the Third cavalry band was followed by the invocation, pronounced by the Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of the Southern Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Grand Master A. A. Burnand, of Colorado, delivered an oration on the life and work of Washington.

The Tomb of Washington.

The procession re-formed and moved then to the tomb, where the remains of Washington and those of his family now lie. The tomb was magnificently decorated with flags and festoons of evergreens and flowers. Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. H. Ray, D. D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Then the Grand Master of Virginia called upon each of the jurisdictions of the thirteen original States, the jurisdictions of the Western States, and those of Canada, Belgium and Nova Scotia, for messages and tributes sent by them, and all responded.

Then the Grand Master of the District of Columbia deposited within the tomb the lamb-skin apron as a token of innocence; the Grand Master of Missouri deposited the white glove as a token of friendship; and the Grand Master of California deposited the evergreen as the emblem of the Masonic faith in the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul.

Scores of beautiful wreaths and bunches of evergreens were then deposited within the tomb, one of the most beautiful tokens, an immense wreath of ivy, immortelles and accacia blossoms being offered by President McKinley.

The procession returned to the east front of the mansion, where President McKinley, introduced by Grand Master Duke, delivered an oration as his tribute to Washington.

The exercises at the mansion were concluded with a benediction pronounced by brother Ed. N. Calisch, Rabbi of Beth Ahaba synagogue, of Richmond, Va.

At 3 o'clock the Improved Order of Red Men, in charge of the great Incohonee, Hon. Geo. E. Green, of Binghampton, N. Y., held exercises at the tomb.

To-night the Order supplemented their Mount Vernon ceremonies with elaborate exercises at Convention Hall, speeches being made by Past Great Incohonee Charles H. Litchman, of Massachusetts, and Great Prophet Robert T. Daniel, of Georgia. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, was the orator of the evening and was given a hearty reception.

Memorial exercises were held at Elphany church this afternoon under the auspices of local patriotic societies. Assistant Secretary of State David J. Hill was the orator.

To-night the George Washington Memorial Association held commemorative services at the Fayette Square Theatre, and the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia also paid tribute to Washington's memory.

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DEMOCRATIC VIEW IN THE HOUSE.

Resolutions Introduced Expressing Members' Position on the Philippines Question.

TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE.

Provided the Government Agrees to Refund $20,000,000 Paid to Spain, Grants Free Access to Ports, a Naval and Coaling Stations.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—Two joint resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to-day by Representative Williams, of Mississippi, which are the result of consultation among a number of Democratic leaders in the House and are understood to be expressive of the general position on the Philippines. The text of the first resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, The hope has been held out that the Filipinos, now waging war against the forces of the United States in the island of Luzon, would lay down their arms if authoritatively assured that it was the intention of the government and the people of the United States ultimately to grant to the people of that island their independence and the absolute control of their domestic affairs; and, whereas, such is the intention of the government and of the American people who do not believe in wars of conquest or criminal aggression against other peoples, and have frequently declared their horror thereof; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, By the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Section 1. That it has always been our intent and purpose to recognize the inalienable right of the Filipinos to self government and national independence, and that in pursuance thereof we shall make formal recognition of these rights and withdraw our land and sea forces upon the establishment of peace and the inauguration of constitutional government, or governments, by the people of the islands or any of them; provided, the said government agrees, or the said governments agree, to refund the $20,000,000 which was paid by us to the Queen of Spain, to give us in fee simple, with right of sovereignty vested in us, a place suitable for a naval station and other places fitted for coaling stations, and to grant the American people in perpetuity free access to all of their ports for goods, merchandise, and persons bent on peaceful or missionary pursuits.

"Section 2. We pledge our friendly assistance and counsel in the work of inaugurating such a government.

"Section 3. We pledge ourselves to treat as an unfriendly manifestation towards the United States any foreign interference or aggression for the period of ten years from and after the establishment of such a government; provided, that the government and people of said islands shall surrender into our keeping during that period the entire question of their foreign relations and shall pay the expense to which we may be put for such troops as shall, at the request of said government, be kept on Philippine territory, and of such ships and naval forces as may be kept in the Philippines or adjacent waters for the purposes of the protection here in promised."

The other resolution recites the constitutional provisions against slavery and involuntary servitude, asks for information relative to the conclusion of the treaty with the Sultan of Jolo, and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether the constitutional provisions against slavery and the statutory provisions against polygamy apply to the Sulu people.

CONTEST WILL BE MADE.

Action Taken by the Democratic Committees of Kentucky to Place the Election Before the Legislature.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, KY., December 14.—The Democratic State central, executive and campaign committees met in joint session to-day. Ex-Senator Joe Blackburn presided and said he had been threatened with defeat for Senator if the Democratic State officers made a a contest, but that he had ridden fourteen miles in a buggy to tell the committees that he favored a contest, even if it resulted in his own defeat, as he would rather have a Democratic State government than to serve a life time in the Senate. The committee adopted the following resolutions and there is no longer any doubt about the contest coming before the Legislature:

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of the State Democratic central, executive and campaign committees, in joint meeting assembled, express our earnest belief, that according to the legal votes cast at the late State election the candidates on the State Democratic ticket were elected, and the Democrats of Kentucky demand that these candidates, in proper legal course, contest the election of the Republican candidates, to whom certificates have been issued.

"*Resolved*, That it is the unanimous sense of the members of the Democratic State central, executive and campaign committees, that William Goebel should make a contest, as authorized by law, for the office of Governor, and that J. C. W. Beckham should make a contest for the office of Lieutenant Governor, and that we heartily endorse the contests already commenced by the other candidates on the Democratic State ticket."

A Waycross, Ga., dispatch says: Mr. J. D. Cordon, of North Carolina, representing capitalists from that State and Virginia, is in the city making arrangements for the establishment of coke ovens here. Mr. Cordon's company proposes to make coke from pine wood by a new process known to it, and the plant will be something new.

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THE PHILIPPINE SITUATION.

Advices From Gen. Otis—Gen. Lawton's Movements—Insurgent Positions Captured.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—General Otis has cabled the War Department that Lieutenant Batson, who organized and commanded the Macabebe scouts, has been seriously wounded in the foot. Amputation is probable. General Otis' dispatch follows:

"*Manila, December 14.*—Lieutenant Batson, Fourth cavalry, organized large companies of Macabebe scouts and had the advance of Lawton's troops and attended Young's cavalry in northwestern Luzon; Batson leading with conspicuous gallantry in several hard fought engagements. On November 19th he was seriously wounded in the foot, and amputation is probably necessary.

"General Lawton reports Bulacan province freed of insurgents. Troops of the Fourth cavalry captured the strong mountain position at Biacnaboto, with food supplies, clothing, a cartridge factory and barracks. MacArthur's troops occupied Ibband, a town on the West coast of Luzon, with slight opposition and few casualties, On the 8th inst. Bates reported, from Zamboanga, that he has garrisoned Basilan and is sending troops to Cotobato and Davao; that the condition of affairs is satisfactory.

"Eighteen hundred Spanish prisoners received in Manila; over two thousand more enroute; thirteen hundred will be shipped to Spain on the 16th inst. These prisoners are in much better physical condition than the Spanish troops who surrendred when Manila capitulated."

SMALLPOX IN MISSISSIPPI.

State Board of Health Recommends Compulsory Vaccination.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 14.—The State Board of Health in its biennial report to the Legislature states that smallpox is generally prevalent over Mississippi and recommends that a law be passed making vaccination compulsory. The report says that the occupation of the West Indies by the United States is of grave danger to the health of the States bordering on the Mexican Gulf.

Regarding the type of yellow fever prevalent in the South during the past three years, the report says that it has been so mild as to raise doubt in some minds as to its genuineness, but with the mild cases have appeared many malignant types and the disease should not be questioned when the most experienced medical men are agreed on the subject.

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE.

President McKinley Openly Attacked for Violation of Promise.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 14.—At the opening meeting held this afternoon the National Civil Service League openly attacked the administration of President McKinley in regard to the order of May 29th removing offices from the list.

A letter was read which had been sent to President McKinley by a committee of the League, calling attention to a promise said to have been made by the President, that he would extend the civil service rules to a large number of places at the same time his exclusion order was issued. The promise, it is alleged, was never carried out.

A resolution was adopted censuring Secretary Gage for refusing to give access to certain public records.

FATAL PRIZE FIGHT.

Henry Neise Killed by Fred Bellerson in the Sixth Round at St. Louis.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, December 14.—Henry Neise, of this city, was killed by a right hand swing to the head, delivered by Fred Bellerson, of Utah, in the sixth round of a boxing bout at the St. Louis Athletic Club to-night "Tim" Hurst and Manager Charles W. Whitney were immediately taken into custody. Bellerson escaped, but his seconds were put under arrest. The physician's verdict was to the effect that Neise died from concussion of the brain.

WARM WIRELETS.

A special dispatch from Rome says that the Pope has installed the Bishop of Havana.

Senator Butler has introduced a bill for a cable to Hawaii and the Philippine islands.

The Maher-McCoy fight will take place at the Coney Island Athletic Club New Year's afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The condition of Lieutenant Brumby continues very critical. Last night it was stated that he was somewhat weaker.

Secretary Gage has decided to anticipate the January interest on United States bonds outsanding. This interest will amount to $5,500.000.

Local capitalists have subscribed $54,000 towards the erection of a $150,000 cotton mill at Moultrie, Ga. The preliminary work on the mill will begin very soon.

The schooner Rillie S. Berby, from Jacksonville for Philadelphia, stranded on Hog Island shoal, Del. The vessel is full of water, and will probably be a total loss.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations of po tmasters: North Carolina—M. C. Darby, Wilmington; E. W. Fagan, Plymouth; P. H. Lybrook, Winston-Salem.

Uriah Maynard, a horse dealer from Jones county, Ga., cut histhroat last night in Macon, after having been saved from a suicidal dose of morphine. Business worry is thought to be the cause.

Yesterday's proceedings in the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams were largely devoted to a hearing of the testimony of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert.

The State executive committee of the Populist party of Alabama met in Birmingham and decided to call a State convention of that party to assemble in Montgomery on May 10th, 1900, for the purpose of nominating a full State ticket.

A telephone message was received at police headquarters in Brooklyn shortly before 2 o'clock this morning from Williamsburg, saying that two women and one man had been killed in a fire in a rear tenement. Their bodies were recovered.

Read the advertisement of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency in this issue of the STAR. It offers for sale some very valuable farms. †

SEABOARD AIR LINE SYSTEM.

The Opposition of Mr. Thomas F. Ryan Cannot Prevent the Proposed Consolidation of Properties.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 14.—Judge E. D. Cross, of Cowen, Cross & Bond, counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and who have been legally associated with the plans for the consolidation of the Seaboard system, in referring to the report that Thos. F. Ryan, of New York, would oppose the consolidation, has made the following written statement:

"There is no possibility of preventing the stockholders of these roads from effecting a consolidation as desired. People who own property have the right to do what they please with it if they do it in a legitimate manner, and the stockholders are simply carrying out plans for the benefit of what they own. The fact that some one owns a few shares of the Seaboard & Roanoke, or any other road, and is opposed to the plans, makes no difference whatever. I believe that twenty-one shares of stock were voted in Mr. Ryan's name at the recent meeting of the Raleigh & Gaston railroad out of a total of 15,000 shares, and a clear majority outside of that held by the Seaboard & Roanoke road. Neither he nor anyone else can prevent a plan favored by those who practically own the several lines from being carried out."

HOSIERY MANUFACTURERS.

Southern Association Organized at Chattanooga—Officers Elected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 14.—The Southern Association of Hosiery Manufacturers was organized in this city to-day, representing the largest interests in that line in the South. Among the officers were the following:

President—V. Ballard, of Durham, N. C.

First Vice President—A. W. McClellan, of Dalton knitting mills, New Orleans, La.

Executive Committee—Garnet Andrews, Jr., of Chattanooga, Tenn.; S. A. Ashe, of Raleigh, N. C.; Frank Nelson, Jr., of Anniston, Ala.; F. A. Weiss.

The executive committee will report on constitution and by-laws at an adjourned meeting to be held in Atlanta, Ga., the third Thursday in January.

Among the House measures introduced yesterday was one by Mr. Kitchin, of North Carolina, reducing the tax on snuff and tobacco from twelve to two cents per pound, and compelling telegraph companies to pay the revenue stamp tax on dispatches.

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